

Opinions: Wheaton humor column goes too far?

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Photo by Matt Wissman

Odle parking lot's new red line separates student parking from guest and faculty parking. As of now, students will receive tickets if they park on the wrong side of the line.

Thin red line divides lot

BY BEN GASTRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

On April 2, campus safety announced a permanent parking policy change for the Odle Gymnasium parking lot, restricting student parking to the eastern half.

The new student parking location creates for more available parking for faculty and visitors.

The administration decided on this policy change over spring break and campus safety implemented it when students returned. As changes like this are unusual for the middle of a semester, there was some confusion among students.

"We tried to phase-in the change," Director of Campus Safety Mike Row said. "We find that people, no matter what the issue is, are reluctant to change immediately."

Campus safety officers communicated the change by sending out mass e-mails to everyone on campus. They voided tickets until everyone understood the new policy, giving warnings to violators the first week. Now all violators will be given a ticket without exception.

"We feel like we've done everything we can to communi-

cate the change at this point," Row said. "The students have really been great in adapting to the change in policy in the middle of the spring semester, so we really appreciate their cooperation."

The buildings and grounds crew painted a red line across the parking lot to designate the student section farthest away from the gym.

A similar red line also divides the DC parking lot, but this line was already there, as overnight student parking in the DC lot has always been restricted to the eastern half.

The Kesler Center will include parking, but planning for it is not yet complete. The university is carefully considering input from students, faculty, staff and administration for the developing master plan.

With a lot of student traffic and limited student parking, Row emphasized being good stewards of resources such as gas and oil.

"We have a beautiful, pedestrian-friendly campus, and yet some students insist on driving 300 yards," Row said. "I just want to bring it to the forefront that we want students to take advantage of the pedestrian-friendly campus because that offers an opportunity to fellowship with each other."

Cheerleading struggles to make comeback

BY LINDSEY KIRKBRIDE
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Four years ago Taylor cut its cheerleading program, leaving school spirit up to the student body.

Since the early 1970s, the cheerleading squad consisted of about six women and three men who regularly cheered at football games and men's basketball games, and occasionally at women's basketball games.

A sponsor always supported the squad, but it never had a coach. The squad did not cheer at the competitive level because it lacked organization and skill.

"The cheerleading program was cut due to a lack of interest in terms of involvement at an acceptable level," Assistant Athletic Director Amy Stucky said. "There were financial implications that needed to be dealt with as well."

When the cheerleading program was cut, the Athletic department used the budget for other areas on campus. A lot of the money helped promote student involvement at sporting events. It also paid for yellow Game Day T-shirts which the

student services staff distributed for free to encourage fan support at games.

This fall at a home volleyball game, Taylor fans got a taste of cheerleading once again. A sports marketing class held a cheer contest between dorms to promote more involvement at school activities.

"I thought it was great," Stucky said. "The Olson Hall winners were invited back to cheer during halftime at two other basketball games."

Olson Hall cheerleader Laura Hubert said, "After Olson's performance, students wondered if Taylor would see a cheerleading program again in the near future. There is so much wasted talent that could be used to help with crowd involvement and school spirit."

The Athletic Department hesitates to add a squad in the near future.

"Taylor does not have the necessary funding to develop the essential organizational tactics to support a cheerleading squad," Stucky said. "Taylor is about excellence and doing things right. If making a squad is only accomplished by doing things halfway, then we shouldn't bother."

Class skips Taylathon?

BY MEGAN ELDER
NEWS EDITOR

For the first time in Taylathon history, three classes may race instead of four.

If the sophomore men don't get a team together by Monday morning, they will not be able to compete in the traditional race.

Since the Monday after spring break, Taylathon participants have been practicing early

every morning. While most classes have groups of representatives ready to race, the sophomore men's team has Phil Danielson.

Danielson isn't sure why his peers refuse to race.

"Maybe it's too early in the morning," he suggested.

ICC president Courtney Kennedy fears that if participation continues to wane, ICC might schedule an alternate event in the future.

"There is the potential for the

tradition of Taylathon to be broken this year through the lack of participation in the guy's bike race," she said.

Taylathon will occur as scheduled on May 1. With two weeks left to practice, participants have until Monday morning to sign up for teams.

"I'd like to get other people to come do it because it's a great tradition," Danielson said. "I just don't think we'll be able to get six guys out there by Monday."

"It is very disappointing that such an amazing tradition has the potential to be broken this year due to lack of participation and excitement," Kennedy said. "We are working hard to make sure everyone is on the same page and to ensure that race day goes well and so we hope that, despite the speed bump we have encountered this year, that everything will go as planned and the day will be just as enjoyable for everyone who comes to watch."



Photo by Matt Wissman

Seniors Brandon Henderson and Ethan Daly perform the Michael Jackson hit "Beat It" last night at Nostalgia Night.

SAC nostalgic for Wonka

BY AARON SHAPIRO
STAFF WRITER

Willy Wonka's chocolate factory came to Upland last night, as the setting for Nostalgia Night 2004, Student Activity Council's biggest event of the year. Students performed 12 pre-1985 songs with different Wonka-themed skits between acts.

SAC had 900 tickets prepared

for the event, but numbers exceeded expectations and people were paying at the door to get in without tickets, according to SAC member Nicole Janke. Typically Nostalgia Night and My Generation Night are SAC's biggest events.

Matt Hoppe led the core-band with "The Candy Man Can" to open the show. Next was "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," featuring a three-man trumpet

section and singers Hilary Whitaker, Dawnielle Miller and Emily McIntyre. Steve Jones sang and played guitar for "Ain't No Sunshine When She's Gone." Next Joe Ozinga, Ben Gastright, Jared Bane and Andrew Hauser took over as the Ramones to perform "Blitzkrieg Bop," during which some of the crowd joined in chanting "hey ho, let's go." The following act had Emily Brown singing "Somebody to Love" before Noel Birkey ended the first half with Elton John's "Tiny Dancer."

Ethan Daly and friends opened the second half with their version of Michael Jackson's "Beat It," with Daly singing the entire song in falsetto. An a cappella rendition of "Lean On Me" had the unenviable position of following "Beat It," but the six students, including former American Idol winner Eric Miller, pulled it off. Next came Dave Haller and an animated Nate Shorb leading "Happy Together" while a perplexed-looking Chris Chaudoin played the drums. Kevin Middlesworth impersonated Elvis singing "Love Me Tender," before Professor Marvin Tapp performed War's

"Low Rider," with students backing him up instrumentally. Eric Miller and the core band ended the show with "We Are the Champions" as all the performers and actors took the stage for a final time.

"Nostalgia Night is definitely one of my favorites of the year," senior Emily McPeak said. "Tiny Dancer was great, Steve Jones gave his usual soulful performance, and all genres were pretty well represented. You have your rock'n'roll bands like the Ramones, some girls representing and some horns with 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy', 'Low Rider' was hilarious. Just good, clean fun."

Dusty DiSanto hosted the show as Willy Wonka, and all the skits were loosely taken from the movie. Jacob Drake as chocolate loving Augustus Gloop and Jared Cheek as the snotty Veruca Salt were among the fan-favorites, but Walt Campbell gathered the most cheers in his role as Grandpa Joe. Skits ranged from Jeremy Jones as Charlie finding the golden ticket to enter the factory, to Yumi Kim's character chewing a piece of gum that encompassed the flavors of a

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Photo by Katy Mann

Junior Nate Shorb sings The Turtles' classic "Happy Together" while accompanied by other Penthouse residents.

Campaign concludes with celebration

Taylor Tomorrow Campaign ends, raises almost \$80 million

BY MEGAN ELDER
NEWS EDITOR

After seven years of fund-raising, the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign shattered its \$75

million goal, raising almost \$80 million for projects and programs on both Taylor campuses.

The campaign ended the first weekend in April when President David Gyertson

invited donors and friends to celebrate the achievement during President's Weekend. The weekend festivities culminated with the President's Dinner in Alsbaugh dining room.

In May of 1995, the Board of Trustees approved the campaign's plan, which included an unprecedented goal of \$60 million. The largest previous campaign goal was \$14 million.

The steering committee set the goal based on a long-term plan to fund several projects in excess of \$100 million, according to Jerry Cramer, senior development officer and director of the campaign.

Later, the committee increased the goal to \$75 million when a donor challenged the Board of Trustees to "raise the bar,"

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Math team takes high honors but falls to Rose

BY ERIK KIELISCH
STAFF WRITER

Five math teams from Taylor competed against 42 teams from colleges and universities around the state in the Indiana College Mathematics Competition at Indiana State University on April 2.

Juniors Michael Anderson, Mike Assis and Shawn Burford and sophomore Nathaniel Clark placed second and came within one point of the first place team from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology.

"It was pretty close," Burford said. "A couple sentences worded differently could have gotten us an extra point or two."

For two hours, each team worked on six problems worth ten points each. The problems ranged from algebra to geometry to calculus.

On the way to the competition, Anderson, Assis and Burford got lost and arrived 45 minutes late. Competition officials did not grant them a time extension but added Clark as a fourth teammate.

"With that time missing, we

It's an opportunity to try problems that challenge my way of thinking. It helps me see what my education is doing for me.

Shawn Burford,
junior

didn't have time to strategize," Burford said. "We had to get into it."

They're pleased with their results.

"I'm extremely happy because I wasn't expecting second place at all, especially given the circumstances," Assis said. "We'll do better next year."

For the past five years, math professor Dr. Matt DeLong has trained and led math teams to the competition with two second place results and one third.

During spring semester, 15 students met together once a week to work on problem-

solving skills and practice problems.

The yearly competition is open to all students. This year the participants' majors included math, computer science, physics and music.

Students found the thrill of competition in the challenge.

"I have done math competitions in the past, and I enjoy the challenge," Assis said.

Burford said, "It's an opportunity to try problems that challenge my way of thinking. It helps me see what my education is doing for me."

DeLong thinks second place result speaks well of the students and the math program at Taylor.

"[It shows] Christian colleges can compete with the best students of [other] schools and shows that we are on par with their institutions," DeLong said.

Taylor teams also placed fifth and tied for seventh. Taylor was the only school to place three teams in the top 10.

"It shows that not only do we have good students, but we have quite a few of them," DeLong said.

Campaign

◆\$80 million raised in seven year campaign

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Cramer said.

"It is significant to note that the entire campaign was a faith effort," he said. "God richly supplied gifts with incredible timing."

Speakers at the President's Dinner praised God for the campaign's success.

"None of us would be silly enough to take credit for what the Lord has done," steering committee member Jay Kesler said.

The campaign received \$79,667,000. Donors included foundations, alumni, trustees, friends, estates, corporations, employees, churches, parents and students.

The money will fund building projects, scholarships, programs and two academic chairs. The most recent additions to Upland's campus as a result of the campaign include



Photo by Matt Wissman

President Gyertson speaks to staff, donors and friends at the President's Dinner on Saturday, April 3.

Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center and the yet unfinished Kesler Student Activities Center.

The University has identified another \$100 million in needs including buildings, facility renovations, program and faculty support, scholarships, financial aid and operating

funds, Vice President of University Advancement Harold Hazen said. Future campaigns have not been announced.

For now, the Taylor community can enjoy a job well done.

"It was Taylor Tomorrow, but now it's Taylor Today," Hazen said.

Programs and projects funded by Taylor Tomorrow Campaign

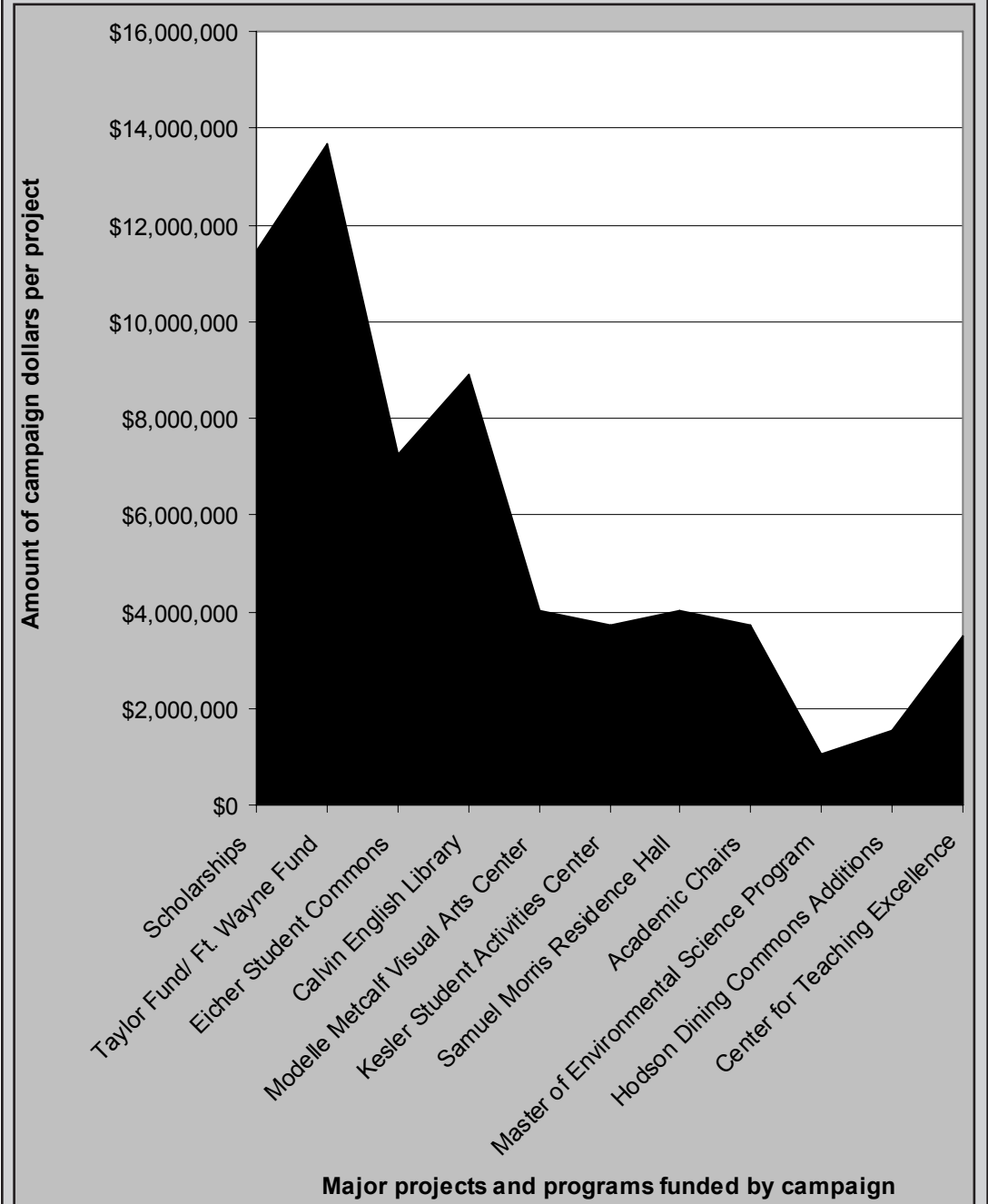


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Former president speaks in chapel

Former TU president Dr. Bob Baptista addresses the community in chapel on Wednesday. He spoke about the everyday acts of kindness done by ordinary people that helped fulfill his families prayers for the "miracle of coping" with a mentally handicapped son who is now 45. His son was born with severe brain damage and still lives with Baptista and his wife of 58 years, Martha. Baptista served Taylor as president from 1975-1979.

Wonka

◆SAC holds sold out Nostalgia Night

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meal in the Dining Commons that turned her into baked scrod. SAC decorated Rediger Auditorium to match the Willy Wonka theme, complete with a chocolate waterfall at the entrance.

"We started planning in February and went through a number of themes: Dorothy goes to Oz, a game show, old sitcoms. ... This just really stood out to us," SAC Vice President Kaiti Bierdeman said. "We couldn't say no to

Willy Wonka."

The audience liked the theme as well, according to Nick Kesler.

"It has a good feel, it's very nostalgic," he said. "Willy Wonka was a good Idea."

Nathaniel Clark and Ashley Boyer headed up the event for SAC, and both were pleased with the results of their hard work.

"I would say we had really good variety in acts, and the crowd was amazing" Boyer said. "SAC wants to showcase the musical talents of the student body, and the acts definitely rose to the occasion. Tonight was the best we've seen."

"About two weeks of hard work were given for this show

including script-writing, decorations, videos, and casting and tryouts," Clark added. "The bands this year were spectacular. We had a lot of people try out, but the ones we chose definitely stuck out."

All the performers and actors in the skits were excited to perform in front of a packed auditorium. According to Jacob Drake, the energy in the room was very exciting.

"It was definitely way more energizing to play in front of everyone," bass player Ben Gastright said. "I didn't fully feel it until this evening, and then we just rocked it, and everyone rocked it, and it was incredible. Best Nostalgia Night in years."

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Kim visits off-campus programs in E. Africa

TU staff seeks better understanding of overseas programs

By **ASHLEY SMITH**
STAFF WRITER

Deb Kim, coordinator of off-campus programs at Taylor, recently visited East Africa to learn more about its off-campus study programs.

Until this fall, Daystar University in Kenya was the site of a flourishing off-campus program for Taylor students. However, the State Department issued a travel warning in May which kept American students from going to Kenya. It

renewed the travel warning last month due to the potential for terrorist attacks on U.S. citizens in East Africa, according to CNSNews.com.

"We are watching the Department of State travel warnings very closely," Kim said. "Once the U.S. Department of State travel warning is lifted we'll be able to send students again."

Students now have a new opportunity to study in Africa. At the end of fall semester, the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities offered a Uganda Studies Program. Taylor students Melissa Werner and Kelly Brockelsby are currently in Uganda with the program.

Kim spent 10 days in Kenya

and Uganda to assess their off-campus programs. She also wanted to better equip herself to answer students' questions in the future.

"When we go we try and get a comprehensive look at the locations where we are sending our students," Kim said.

During her trip she saw Werner and Brockelsby in Uganda and some Kenyan students who have studied at Taylor.

"They are doing incredible!" Kim said. "It is not an easy place to live. They have the same meal every day, lunch and dinner: rice and beans. I did not hear one complaint out of them."

Kim was pleased to see that Werner and Brockelsby are

learning to live in a third world country.

"The town where the university is at is definitely third world," Kim said. "It's not a glamorous place to be, but there are lessons to be learned. I think that one of the reasons that our students are there is to see another part of the world and how they view God and how they interpret life."

Kim felt her trip was beneficial for herself and Taylor.

"This [trip] just reinforces why we have off-campus program opportunities," she said. "It shows that they are a benefit and that education is actually taking place and that there is development going on relationally and socially. It was really great to see."



Photo provided by Deb Kim

Deb Kim (far left) tours Uganda Christian University, visiting TU students Kelly Brockelsby (next to Kim) and Melissa Werner and a student from the university.



Photo by Matt Wissman

Senior Kate Kaufmann visits 91-year-old Afton Shaw at the University Nursing Center in Upland nearly every week. Kaufmann began to visit Shaw the spring of her sophomore year. They discuss current events and share about their lives. Kaufmann's fondest memories from their time together are of eating Chinese food.

Kaufmann reaches out to local citizen

By **ERIK KIELISCH**
STAFF WRITER

Two and half years have passed, and the friendship is still growing between senior Kate Kaufmann and Afton Shaw, a 91-year-old resident at University Nursing Center in Upland.

Kaufmann first went to the nursing home in the spring of her sophomore year, after receiving a postcard inviting students to visit.

She didn't have any training beforehand and was a little intimidated at first; but she just walked into Shaw's room and started talking with her.

Kaufmann enjoyed their conversation and asked if she could come back. Shaw agreed, and now Kaufmann visits or writes her once a week.

They discuss current events and share about their lives.

"It's always interesting to get her perspective because she's almost three times older than me," Kaufmann said.

Kaufmann's mother has also

befriended Shaw and likes to send her a plant for Valentine's Day.

Kaufmann's fondest memories of their friendship are their dinners out together.

Whenever Kaufmann leaves on a break, they always go out for Shaw's favorite food — Chinese.

"Sometimes the waitress asks if I'm her granddaughter, and [Shaw] says, 'Nope, a friend,'" Kaufmann said.

Shaw is a widowed, life-long Townie, and worked at a local button factory for 23½ years. Her two children are in their sixties and still visit her.

Shaw loves Purdue and loves basketball. When most of the residents go to bed at 6:30 or 7:00 p.m., she stays up to watch games.

Shaw is active and in good health, and determined to remain so. She regularly walks laps around the nursing center with her walker. Her determination earned her a gold medal in walking in the center's annual winter Olympics.

If I'm in a poor mood, [our relationship] helps me regain perspective. It makes me appreciate my health, my future and other opportunities I still have whereas she's on the other side of that.

Kate Kaufmann,
senior

Sometimes Kaufmann buys her lemon ice cream from Ivanhoe's, but not frequently because Shaw is concerned about her health and watches what she eats.

Shaw is more active than many of the residents.

"She almost runs the place because she knows everybody and has an opinion on everything," Kaufmann said.

She has joked with Kauf-

mann about residents falling asleep during the Bible studies.

"I think it would be hard to [live] there because the [residents] are around death a lot," Kaufmann said.

With death so prevalent in the center, she said some residents give up on life; but Shaw is always full of life.

"She always says that you shouldn't have that attitude, and you need to be optimistic and not give up on life," Kaufmann said.

Her friendship with Shaw has touched all corners of her life.

"If I'm in a poor mood, [our friendship] helps me regain perspective," Kaufmann said. "It makes me appreciate my health, my future and the opportunities I still have whereas she's on the other side of that."

Kaufmann encourages students to stop by and visit the center's residents.

"It's a little intimidating at first, and you don't want to hurt anyone, but they just want to talk," she said.

Students seek to protect environment

By **ALICIA CHEW**
STAFF WRITER

We're all familiar with Taylor acronyms like TSO, TWO and TCA. But how many of us are familiar with the SOC club?

A group of Environmental Science majors formed the Stewards of Creation club in 1996. SOC focuses on cultivating environmental stewardship among Taylor students, according to Dr. Paul Rothrock, professor in the Earth and Environmental Science department and supervisor of the SOC club.

"We want to organize service projects for student participation," Rothrock said. "We strive to educate students on the environmental issues and provide a setting for wholesome fellowship."

SOC's current project is to give all faculty members personal recycling boxes for paper waste in their offices, according to SOC president Kory Russell. Russell is a graduate student at Taylor.

"Paper is the only refuse Taylor gets money for when recycled and we expect higher participation level by the faculty," Russell said. "Hopefully they can encourage students to recycle too."

Rothrock said stewardship of the environment focuses on the long-term effects for future generations.

"When one mentions 'stewards of the environment,' I think of 'frugality,' which is a thoughtful employment of the time, gifts and resources made available to us," he said.

SOC invites all Taylor students to participate in upcoming SOC events including a year-end collection of unwanted furniture and clothes, the 'Adopt a River' campaign offering canoe rides on the Missisniewa River and hiking trips.

Russell said students can look forward to SOC's first Environmental Science newsletter, *Green Plunger*, in the fall. Freshman Environmental Science major Nathan Griswell will oversee the publication.

"It will be a compilation of articles written by the committee members," Griswell said. "Some are on energy forms and innovations, ecological topics, and I'll be doing a series on ecological virtues."

Rothrock encouraged Taylor students to protect the environment by recycling and conserving water and electricity. He also suggested a simple practice students can try this semester.

"Park the car and walk! It will have a big impact on the environment surrounding Taylor," Rothrock said. "You will not only save fuel but you can also enjoy the beautiful weather. Spring is here, enjoy it while it lasts."

"God's word says that the earth and everything in it is his; it's not for us to exploit for our own gain," Russell said. "We need to understand that it belongs to God; he owns it. If we truly love God, our attitude should reflect the same love and care towards the things that God owns."

For more information about SOC, contact Kory Russell at kory_russell@tayloru.edu.



Photo by Ashley Smith

Members of the Stewardship of Creation club Julia Angstmann, Adam Hanna, Nathan Griswell and Kory Russell.

McCart raises diabetes awareness by example

By **DERECK KAMWESA**
STAFF WRITER

The first week of my freshman year at Taylor University I was going to the room down the hall to visit one of the guys. We had talked a few times and I thought I would pay him a visit. I swung open the door to his room and saw him sitting at his desk. However, shock spread across my face as our eyes met. Bryan McCart, sophomore was sitting there shirtless, syringe in hand, smiling sarcastically as he watched the expression on my face.

"Hey, wanna try some?" he offered, knowing he had me exactly where he wanted me.

I swallowed hard, shook my head and managed to ask what

he was offering. He invited me in and proceeded to explain what was going on.

McCart has type-1 diabetes, a disease affecting many people under the age of 40. Since type-1 diabetes is prevalent among young people, many have to learn how to deal with it at an early age. Formerly called insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM), or more commonly, juvenile-onset diabetes, this form of diabetes is caused when the body's immune system destroys the pancreatic beta cells. These are the only cells capable of generating the ever-necessary hormone insulin, which regulates blood glucose.

"I was diagnosed the day

before my ninth birthday, so I was pretty young," McCart said. "I thought I was going to die, until we got to the hospital and I was assured otherwise."

The diagnosis at such an early age was devastating to McCart and his family. A diabetes patient has to go through dramatic physical changes. McCart had to have three injections a day, change his diet, monitor his food intakes, and give up some of the activities he had previously enjoyed.

"Of all people I think my mom did the best job of handling everything, emotionally and physically," McCart said. "She had to make sure I did everything right, knew what I was eating and what

were the benefits of different foods to my body. I laugh at some of the reactions I get from people when they first find out about my condition. It's funny because it's not a physically viewable handicap, but the funnier reactions come when I tell some people that it's contagious; people back off really fast."

Diabetes is not contagious. McCart's life has been full of blessings. He doesn't view his condition a hindrance; rather, it has helped make him aware of his surroundings.

"I had to mature early because my eating habits had to change, and, believe me, that was hard as a 9-year-old," McCart said.

The family health insurance

I have no doubt that I would have had a different outlook on life had I not had this condition; I'm not sure if it would have been better or worse, but I thank the Lord for all I have.

Bryan McCart,
sophomore

covers most of the supply expenses, which are costly for the family. A pump resembling

a pager sits comfortably at McCart's waist, regulating the insulin in his body so he doesn't have to constantly monitor the levels. The pump must be refilled every three days.

"The Lord has granted me more than I could wish for in life," McCart said. "I have no doubt that I would have had a different outlook on life had I not had this condition; I am not sure if it would have been better or worse, but I thank the Lord for all I have."



“The wit makes fun of other persons; the satirist makes fun of the world; the humorist makes fun of himself.”
-James Thurber

Wheaton Record column sparks controversy

Letter to the Editor

Humor article displays lack of community at Wheaton

Last week before break, I received a letter from a friend who attends Wheaton College. In the letter, she included an article from the *Wheaton Record*, which I found quite offensive. Even though the article was in the "humor" section and was probably just an April fools joke, I felt it went a little over the top.

You see, after spending almost a year here at Taylor, I have found that the level of community we share, exceeds that of other schools. We have placed great value on being an intentional, Christ-centered community, and it really shows.

It is something to be proud of, or in Wheaton's case, something to desire. As funny as the article may be, what is Wheaton really trying to say?

I sense that there is an unspoken rivalry between us and in doing so I do not wish to provoke a negative attitude towards Wheaton, but I just do not get it. If we both make up a larger Christian community then why do they go and write trash like that about us? Where is the love from our brothers and sisters in Christ?

I know I try to do my part to cultivate a better relationship

By poking fun at us, are they attempting to cover up a deeper issue? I think so, and it goes directly to their yearning to have a community just like ours.

between the schools. Golly, I even work there over the summer in order to bring students the wonderful gift of heating and air-conditioning. That is right, air conditioning!

By poking fun at us, are they attempting to cover up a deeper issue? I think so, and it goes directly to their yearning to have a community just like ours.

Well, I do not mean to make a big deal about this, but I would just like to hear what other people's reactions are to Birdsall's article. In referring to Wheaton, I mean the student body and not the administration and faculty.

By Tom Smillie



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Letter to the Editor

Satire reflects Wheaton, not Taylor

Disclaimer: Judson Birdsall's views do not necessarily reflect those of Wheaton College or the Wheaton Record.

I am disappointed to see that Smillie both took offense at my article and wrote a boastful, defensive response. I hope to clarify the intended meaning of the piece.

The article was not an April Fool's joke. Each week the *Wheaton Record* prints an entire page of satirical news. The article about Taylor was published March 26 next to articles poking fun at feminist professors and professional bowlers.

Admittedly, my satirical columns are more susceptible to misinterpretation when removed from the context of the *Record* humor page.

Smillie suggests that my article evidences Wheaton's yearning for community as strong as Taylor's. While I am glad Smillie is proud of his school and the sense of community it cultivates, I fail to see how his priggish claim pertains to my article in any way.

Yet Smillie is correct in assuming that my article hints at a "deeper issue." The issue, however, is not campus community or even Taylor's "inferiority complex."

Rather, the deeper issue is what I might call Wheaton's "superiority complex." As students at the so-called "Harvard of the evangelical world," Wheaties have a tendency to look down on other Christian colleges.

Smillie asserts that my article "went a little over the top." Of course it did. That was the point. I sought to satirize Wheaton's sense of superiority by providing an outlandish example of it.

My goal in writing satire is always to enable members of the Wheaton College community to laugh at our own quirks and foibles. In so doing I am guided by the wise words of C.S. Lewis: "Humor involves a sense of proportion and a power of seeing yourself from the outside."

By Judson Birdsall

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor must be received by 6 p.m. on Wednesday and be 425 words or less in order to be published in the coming Friday's issue. Letters should include daytime telephone and signature. You can write us off-campus at: The Echo, Taylor University, 236 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989-1001. On-campus at: The Echo, Rupp Communications Building, or via e-mail: echo@tayloru.edu.

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Thought Box

Now that Osama bin Laden submitted a truce to European nations, is he getting desperate and is the world winning the war on terror?

Thoughts on gay marriage: part three



By JIM SPIEGEL
GUEST COLUMNIST

In previous installments of this article I reviewed two significant arguments against the legalization of gay marriage: the argument from popular opinion and a slippery slope argument. Neither of these, I claimed, offers much hope for building a persuasive case against gay marriage in the public square.

There is, however, a third and more promising argument, which reasons as follows. Heterosexual marriage is the foundation of human civilization and a basic precondition for civil society. To legally recognize same-sex marriage undermines this basic social unit. Homosexual partners cannot have children naturally, but of course they can and do adopt children. Legalizing gay marriage would dramatically increase the prevalence of this practice, the ultimate broader consequences of which would be devastating. Children need the complementary care of a father and a mother, as each brings certain vital parenting strengths to the nurturing process.

Numerous studies indicate that children not raised by a mother and father face greater risks for a variety of psychological problems. Homosexual relationships, in particular, pose significant risks to the children of such couples. Recent studies have shown that homosexual relationships are more likely to involve mental illness, substance abuse, and violence than are heterosexual relationships. (I would be happy to provide a bibliography of such studies to anyone interested.) To legalize gay marriage, then, would be a public endorsement of a socially

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debilitating practice.

While this line of argument has significant force, there are several reasons that it will likely not succeed in preventing the wide acceptance of gay marriage in this culture. For one thing, gays and lesbians can appeal to the fact that heterosexual marriage is not exactly flourishing in our culture. The rates of divorce, child abuse, and other symptoms of dysfunction in traditional family settings are astoundingly high. Also, proponents of gay marriage will likely note that since civil

unions and adoptions already take place within the gay community, legalizing marriage is not likely to make things worse. If anything, permitting the practice might reinforce commitments between homosexual couples, thus making for a more secure home life for children.

Such responses to the social consequences argument, however, are not as common as the appeal to the moral-political trump card of our culture: freedom. Proponents of gay marriage constantly appeal to their "right" to be married just like any heterosexual (conveniently forgetting that like everyone else gays and lesbians do have the right to marry, so long as they marry someone of the opposite gender). It seems that personal autonomy is the most fundamental value in America today, and even the prospect of considerable harm to our children will not deter us from behaving perversely or otherwise irresponsibly.

My conclusion, then, is that the prospects for success in preventing gay marriage in this country are, over the long term, not hopeful. The best arguments against the practice are theological, and such appeals simply won't play in the public square, where they are increasingly seen as religious oppression. This leads us to a deeper and more ominous trend, of which the gay marriage debate is but a mere symptom, namely the marginalization of religious belief in American public discourse. I will address this matter in the final installment of this series. Jim Spiegel is a professor of philosophy and religion at Taylor.

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"Culture is a gift from God, as well as a religious duty and obligation; it is our common human endeavor, a historical process carried on from generation to generation that binds us together in the community of humankind."

-William D. Romanowski, "Eyes Wide Open"



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Saved! is the upcoming Jesus-critique film about a Baptist high school's hypocritical students; Elijah Wood looks up in *Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*; Mel Gibson's brutal blockbuster *The Passion of the Christ* takes over America; and movies like *In America* talk openly about faith.

Jesus invades popular culture

BY NEVILLE KISER
A&E EDITOR

In a recent article published in *Entertainment Weekly* entitled "Hooray for Hollywood," five professional screenwriters from various religious circles across the country discussed the popular culture's current fascination with spirituality. After Mel Gibson's film *The Passion of the Christ* surpassed the \$350 million mark over Easter weekend, making it now the eighth top grossing film of all time, America seems to be in a Jesus-uproar, with words like "faith," "forgiveness," and "God" showing up in a smorgasbord of books, music and movies; and it's only getting worse—or is that better?

Thought Hollywood was finished making teen comedies? Think again. Only this time, think of the setting as a private Southern Baptist high school, where Jesus-freak teenagers, rather than bullies, are the real high school monsters. Starring Jena Malone, Mandy Moore, and Macaulay Culkin, *Saved!* is a film about one schoolgirl who discovers she's pregnant and becomes an outcast, thanks to her halo-wearing Christian friends. In a seemingly direct attack on evangelical Christian hypocrisy, the film showcases these selfishly pious cross-bearing teens and pokes fun at various spiritual ideas—and at the same time, engages biblical themes in its storytelling.

However, this is not the first semi-mainstream film to tackle faith, religion and spirituality. Ever since 1999, many American films have been full of spiritual undertones and religious critiques.

The *Lord of the Rings* trilogy has sparked spiritual discussions through its biblical symbolism and mythical storytelling. The film *In America* depicts a father grappling with his faith in God after his son dies from cancer. In *21 Grams*, Benicio Del Toro plays a redeemed convict who finds Jesus at a service for prison inmates. With *Dogma*, writer and director (and devout Catholic) Kevin Smith took a beating from The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights (which denounced the film months before its release) because of his satirical portrayal of the Catholic church, and the "Buddy Jesus" within the film.

"*Dogma* is a big valentine to God," Smith said in response to comments about the film. "What better way to honor God than to make a movie?"

Most Americans—especially Christians—believe mainstream Hollywood is void of any people of Judeo-Christian faith. However, the filmmakers may not be as spiritually ignorant as many would think.

Magnolia, Paul Thomas Anderson's epic-like character vignette of people's encounters with spiritual brokenness, made a significant impact in the director's personal life. After making *Magnolia*, Anderson discovered that one scene from the film directly corresponds with a biblical incident.

"To discover it [this scene] in the Bible and the reference that it makes there just sort of verifies it, like, 'Hey, I guess I'm on the right track,'" Anderson said. He seems to be sharing that track with many movers and shakers of popular culture right now.

Mitch Albom, author of the best-selling book *Tuesdays With Morrie*, recently published his first novel titled *The Five People You Meet In Heaven*. The book is about a man who dies and goes to heaven, although no specific religion is mentioned. There, he learns more about his life and finds answers to dozens of questions. With a heightened mystical feel concerning the afterlife, the book creates a sort of "spiritual alternative" to a specific religion or faith. After *Heaven* spent weeks on best-seller lists, Albom gave his opinion on the spiritual state of many Americans in society today.

"I think there is a great void that many Americans feel about the purpose of their lives and the speed of their lives, and they're looking for their own sort of answers," Albom said. "And art, whether it be movies, books, or whatever, allows them to an entry to find some sense of what it is that they're looking for without preaching to them. If you do something that just preaches, then they recoil a little bit."

Perhaps this is part of the reason why American church attendance has been declining for the past 10 years—people are looking in art for spiritual insights, and the church is running in the other direction, unwilling to offer much insightful criticism regarding the current state of popular culture. Professor and Christian speaker Dr. Tony Campolo believes this is why films, in particular, are becoming so influential.

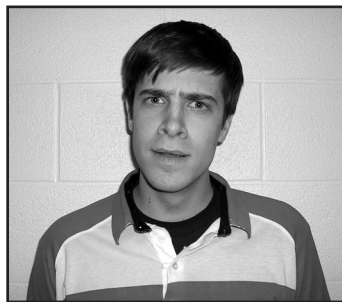
"The Bible tells us that if we fail to declare God's gospel, 'the very rocks will cry out' the message," Campolo said. "Movies may offer us an eschatology that is closer to biblical truth than those exegetical experts in scriptural hermeneutics can ever approach." If popular culture's messages being communicated are the rocks crying out to a world in serious need of the gospel, where does this leave the Christian in the twenty-first century?

In a recent article published in *Christianity Today*, Craig Detweiler, Associate professor of Mass Communications at Biola University, commented on God's revelation in today's popular culture.

"It's a long tradition that's revealed in the Bible where God would choose to speak through a donkey, where he would free his people through a king of Persia like Cyrus, where the last couple chapters of Proverbs are coming out of Egyptian wisdom literature," Detweiler said. "God is speaking through unlikely people and means. He's choosing Jim Carrey, in a movie like *Bruce Almighty*, to impart a message to millions of people. We have a spiritual culture that assumes a certain respect for the mystery of the divine."

If that doesn't call for a "hooray for hollywood," what does?

Documentary pick of the month: 'Spellbound'



BY NATE SHORB
A&E COLUMNIST

I'll be the first to admit that *Spellbound's* reviews make the movie sound a little too good to be true: "More suspenseful than any Hollywood thriller and more thrilling than the seventh game of the World Series. Almost unbearably exciting." "Each speller is no less than a small gladiator." "Thoroughly engrossing." "Nail-biting." "Mesmerizing." Come on. First of all, it's a documentary. Second of all, it's about eight children competing in the National Spelling Bee. How good can it really be?

Well, it's that good.

Spellbound's formula is simple: people are interesting, and kids are funny. Take eight children from completely different paths of life, bring them together for a classic American competition, throw in their quirky parents, and you have an ingenious recipe for an enjoyable hour and a half. The result seems more like a Christopher Guest mockumentary; you'll watch these people and their one-of-a-kind quirks, constantly asking yourself, "Are they for real?" You can't help but laugh, and for the majority of the time, part of you will feel just a little bit guilty for chuckling at these people and their idiosyncrasies.

Interestingly enough, each speller conveniently fits a specific stereotype. There's the affluent teenybopper, the apathetic genius, the humble daughter of Mexican immigrants, the African American determined to overcome, the annoyingly lovable hyperactive oddball, the shy and pessimistic blue-collar daughter, and the two hard-working, determined Indians. Their parents reinforce the stereotypes and add a further dimension that makes it all the more interesting. The diversity of personality increases the hilarity of this portrait of children, their competitive nature, and their interaction with parents who are just as competitive.

Ultimately, it's the little extra gems that make the movie what it is. It's the trio of Nupur's arch-

nemeses who hang out awkwardly by the playground fence complaining about easy words they messed up. It's April's dog that seems to show up in just about every shot of her family, always in increasingly odd positions. It's Ted's brother who shows up for only two lines in the movie, both of them quotable classics. It's the mother who cracks herself up with clever "bee" puns. When watching *Spellbound*, you will remind yourself that this is real life, not a mockumentary, causing you to laugh all the more.

If you want, you can try to find all kinds of deep themes and meanings from this documentary—the beauty of the American dream, the thrill of competition, or any other intellectual mumbo jumbo you can come up with—but, in the end, *Spellbound* is just good, clean, refreshing entertainment. You can't help but love it. It's a must-see for elementary education majors, sociology majors, moms and dads, you, and pretty much everyone else. Believe the critics' reviews — they're all true.

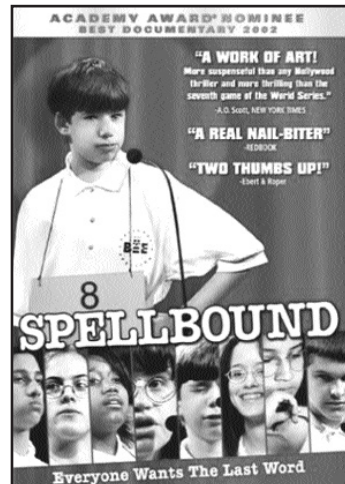
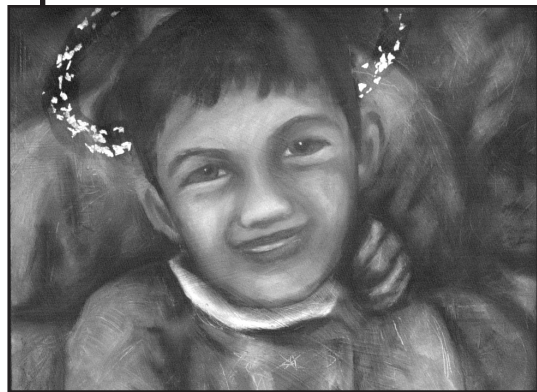


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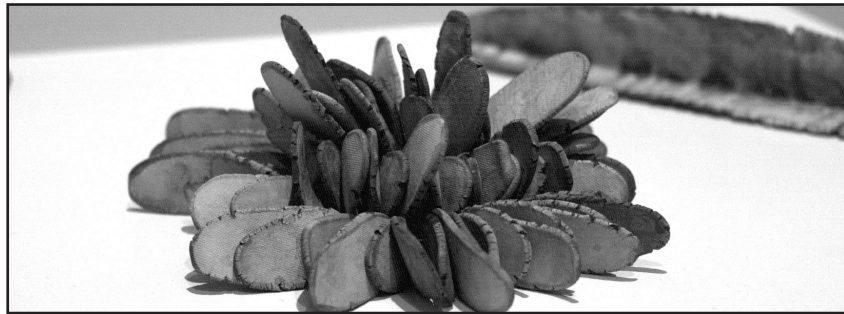
SENIOR ART EXHIBITS: Photo Collection



Katie Michaelsen — "The Adored" is the title of this mixed media piece from Michaelsen's exhibit "An Aschcan Experience," now on display in the Galleria.



Amy Baecker — "Entangled," a photography piece from her show entitled "The Elements...", is now on display in Rupp.



Mel Titus — "Bent World" is the title of this red iron oxide on earthenware piece from "Revelations: A Study in 3-D," now on display in Modelle.



S.C. Kibler — "Creation," a mixed media piece from Kibler's exhibit "Instruments," is now on display in the Galleria.



Kim Lura — "Identity 1," an acrylic and mixed media piece from her show entitled "Revelations: A study in 2-D," is now on display in Modelle.

Trojans take six of seven to even MCC record

By Dave Watson
Staff Writer

After a slow start, the Taylor baseball team is on a roll, winning six of its last seven games. Last weekend, the Trojans (13-19, 6-8 MCC) swept a pair of tough double headers against Grace College. On Thursday, senior Cory Neuenschwander pitched a four-hitter to gain a win in game one and freshman Mike Bentley wrapped things up in game two with an 18-4 victory. In game one on Saturday, Taylor once again rallied behind solid pitching, this time from Matt Wiseman who allowed only four hits in seven innings.

"When you're on, you're on," Wiseman said of his outing.

Taylor went on to sweep the double header behind sophomore Chris Horst's solid pitching in the second game.

On Tuesday, the Trojans bore the icy cold weather and pulled out a big victory over Anderson University. This time, Taylor proved its batting could come through in clutch situations. Down by two in the seventh inning, Chuck Burkhart stepped to the plate and cranked a long two-run homer to tie the game at nine apiece. In the bottom of the ninth, Burkhart stepped up once more to wreak some Trojan havoc. His metal bat connected with the pitch, driving in the game-winning run and sending the fans into a cheerful frenzy.

Yesterday, Taylor split a pair of games with league foe St. Francis, winning the first 6-5 but dropping the second 5-4.

In the opener, senior Kenny Miller hit a bases loaded double in the first inning to give Taylor a quick 3-0 lead. St. Francis tied it in the fifth. At the end of seven the teams were tied at four. In the top of the eighth, Taylor scored two runs to take a 6-4 lead and then held St. Francis to one run in the bottom of the inning to preserve the win. Neuenschwander got the win on the mound.

In game two, freshman Tad Litwiller hit a three-run home run in the fourth inning to tie the game at four, but St. Francis scored in the fifth to win 5-4.

As of now, Taylor holds fourth place in the highly competitive Mid-Central Conference.

The red-hot Trojans battle St. Francis tomorrow in a home double-header beginning at 1 p.m. Spring Arbor and Indiana Wesleyan come to town at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.



Photo by Matt Wissman

The Trojans' recent success has the Mid-Central Conference race all tangled up.

Remaining Taylor baseball schedule



Tomorrow vs. St. Francis 1 p.m.



Tues. vs. Spring Arbor Univ. 1 p.m.



Thurs. vs. Indiana Wesleyan 1 p.m.



Sat. 24th @ Indiana Wesleyan 1 p.m.



Tues. 27th vs. Marian College 1 p.m.



Thurs. 29th @ Goshen College 1 p.m.



Sat. May 1 vs. Goshen College 1 p.m.



Tues. May 4 @ Huntington 3:30 p.m.



Photos by Matt Wissman

Sara Sarracino is the only pitcher on the Taylor softball team. She has pitched in every game this season – nearly every inning – for the streaking Lady Trojans.

Queen of the hill Sarracino owns the mound as Taylor's only softball pitcher

By Justin Potts
Sports Editor

She had just finished pitching back-to-back games. She picked up a win and a loss. Her uniform had but a smudge of dirt on each leg. Her arm wasn't sore. If she were in the Major Leagues it would be unthinkable, but it was just another day for Sara Sarracino.

Two-thirds of the way through the season her team owns a 7-14 record. But on this night, Sarracino has nothing but praise to offer her teammates. The team has won five of its last six Mid-Central Conference games and six of its last eight overall, despite a roster of just 10 girls. In fact, the team has already more than tripled its win total from last season, despite having just one pitcher.

"God has been really faithful," Sarracino said, speaking of the way the season has gone so far. "My teammates have helped me out a lot with their fielding and hitting. Our team chemistry is really good this year."

Her teammates provide the fielding and hitting while Sarracino controls the mound. She has pitched in every game so far, aided somewhat by senior shortstop Brandy Thornburgh and sophomore catcher Emily Pensinger, who try their hand at pitching on rare occasions.

"The team has been really supportive," Sarracino said. "Brandy and Emily always want me to pitch more. It takes the pressure off of them. There have been a few times in games where I've had to tell coach that I can still go."

Being the only pitcher on the team isn't anything new for Sarracino. At Woodstown High School in Monroeville, NJ she was the only pitcher on the varsity team as a freshman until she got injured halfway through. She split pitching duties her sophomore and junior years, but then resumed lone control again her senior year.

"I pitched basically all the games, but it was a lot different than it is now," Sarracino said. "We only played one game a day, whereas now we play two."

She started lifting last year when she came to Taylor, and said it has helped her become physically prepared to handle pitching two games a day. The mental aspect, however, is what Sarracino focuses on most.

"I know what it takes to be the only pitcher because it's the same situation," Sarracino said of the experience she gained through the years. "I know the mindset. I try to focus on just one game at a time and keep the same routine. I remember the games I did well in and focus on the things I did right, rather than what I did wrong."

Even with the physical and mental preparation, Sarracino says she wouldn't be able to do anything without help from God.

"I've really had to rely on God a lot," Sarracino said. "We just kept losing girls (in the preseason) and I was really bummed out, but I prayed for the team and to be encourag-



ing and to be a leader even though I'm only a sophomore. All I can do is my best and that's all I can expect."

With an earned run average of just over .400 and very few walks allowed, Sarracino has the team headed in the right direction. Last week, the team christened its new field with a sweep of rival Indiana Wesleyan. The remaining games will tell the team's outcome on paper, but Sarracino already counts this season a success.

"People encourage each other all the time," Sarracino said of the team's relationship. "When somebody makes a mistake, somebody's always there to pick them up. Everybody has been so encouraging."

That encouragement is what drives her to become better.

"I was very nervous when I found out I was the only pitcher because I knew I would have to pitch a lot of games," Sarracino said. "I put a lot of pressure on myself. I prayed a lot and came back and worked harder than I had in previous seasons."

"I always have to be at the top of my game," she said. "I've had to prepare more and be more focused."

That preparation included pitching for two hours straight in the gym during the preseason to build up the endurance it would take to pitch all season.

"Coach made me pitch a lot in the gym," Sarracino said. "It was a lot of work, but it has paid off. The amazing thing is that my arm doesn't hurt at all."

With as much preparation and faith that she and the rest of the team have put in, the program is headed in the right direction and is sure to reap the benefits for years to come.

In short

Men's track captures two straight third place finishes

The Taylor men's track and field team continued its run of success in two meets last week.

The team placed third out of nine teams at the Beaver Invitational at Bluffton College.

Richie Gibbs paced the way for the Trojans, taking second in the 200, third in the 100 and teaming with Matt Abernathy, Bryan Ramsay and Lamont Laing to grab second in the 4x100.

Laing also placed second in the 200, while Abernathy, Andy Long, Brian Ramsay and Matt Docter took second in the 4x400.

In the 110 hurdles, Jackson placed second, and DJ Jergenson captured second in the triple jump, as well as third in the javelin. Kyle Mangum recorded a second place finish in the 800, while Nathan Porcher took third in the 400.

Last Saturday, the team finished third out of 18 teams at the Indiana Intercollegiate Championships at IUPUI.

Porcher, Long, Gibbs and Jackson qualified for May's NAIA Nationals with a winning 4x400 time of 3:16.70.

Gibbs also qualified for Nationals with a second place finish in the 400. He also placed fourth in the 200. Long took third in both the long jump and triple jumps, while Laing took third in the 100.

Lance Vanderberg also qualified for nationals in the 1500 and Mangum qualified in the 800.

Tomorrow, Taylor hosts the Taylor Invitational, its only home meet of the year. It will begin at 11 a.m. and run throughout the day.

Softball team making some noise as winners of six of eight

After starting the season 1-12, the Taylor softball team is picking up steam heading into the home stretch of the season.

Tuesday the team traveled to St. Francis and split a double-header, winning the first 8-0 and dropping the second 5-3. In the opener, Emily Pensinger hit a grand slam in the first inning and drove in two more runs to lead the way with six runs batted in.

Yesterday, Taylor swept Goshen 2-1 and 5-2 to move to 5-4 in the Mid-Central Conference. Pensinger once again provided the muscle with a two-run home run in the first game. Game two featured a team effort to pick up the win, the team's sixth in eight games, including five of six MCC games.

Tomorrow the team, currently fifth in the MCC, hosts St. Mary of the Woods at 1 p.m.

Taylor 2, 5
Goshen 1, 2

Next game:
tomorrow vs. St. Mary of the Woods, double-header begins at 1 p.m.

Colts to hold first full practice of season at Ball State University

The Indianapolis Colts will begin preparation to defend its 2003 AFC Championship on Friday, April 30 at Ball State University.

The event will give fans their first opportunity of to see the team, including the new draft picks.

The practice will be held from 4:30-7 p.m. and tickets will be \$5. Admission is free for children 12 and under.

The practice will be the team's first of the year and will be a routine practice, but will not involve contact.

It will be the first ever NFL practice for the players drafted in next weekend's NFL Draft.

There will be a 15- to 20-minute autograph session prior to the event.



Photo by Matt Wissman

Senior attackman Nate Bates shoots on the Eastern Michigan goalie. Bates scored four goals and two assists as Taylor beat the Eagles 10-5 last weekend. Taylor also beat Ball St. 15-6.

Lacrosse pounds Eastern Michigan and Ball State, prepares for key weekend in Mich.

By Justin Potts
Sports Editor

The Taylor lacrosse club continued its impressive season last week with two wins over NCAA Div. 1 schools.

On Saturday, the team beat previously undefeated and 13th ranked Eastern Michigan 10-5.

Taylor exploded to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter and controlled the penalty-plagued game the rest of the way.

Freshman Joel Mostad scored

two goals in the opening period, while senior Nate Bates led the offensive attack with four goals and two assists. Sophomore Jason Krueger added a goal and two assists, while seniors Erik Heavey and Steve Green and sophomore Simon Yeates tossed in a goal apiece.

A day later, Taylor traveled to Ball State and pounded the Cardinals 15-6.

Green led the way with six goals on nine shots and an

assist. Bates, Krueger and freshman Ryan Johnson each added two goals and two assists. Heavey, junior Andrew Hauser and sophomore Matt Carmichael each added a goal, while junior Tim Henderson, sophomore Josh DeMille and freshman Cason Wittig each recorded an assist.

"We've come a long way since the fall," Hauser said. "Guys are really stepping up and showing a lot of heart."

Last Tuesday, the team trav-

eled to Calvin without much of its firepower and fell 18-5 to the 12th ranked Knights in a locally televised game.

Taylor is now 6-3, 1-2 in the Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association.

This weekend Taylor travels to Michigan for a pair of games. Tonight it plays University of Michigan-Dearborn and tomorrow it plays Ferris State University.

Taylor is ranked 5th nationally in the College RPI poll.